

## CAT NEWS

### Crews deal with winter



Barry Harrison, trades specialist in the Maintenance Department, has been the day-shift plow operator on campus this winter. Plowing begins at 5 a.m., with two trucks operating. Harrison says this has been a typical winter, so far.

### McNeill's cast rehearses



More than fifty students, teaching staff and community actors have been busily learning blocking, music and lines for the upcoming performance of McNeill's *Rangers*, a dramatization of local Civil War action, with music written by Dr. John Hawkins, music professor at the college. See story on Page 2

### BD cake for all Friday

Potomac State will celebrate its 112th birthday on Friday with free slices of birthday cake served to students, faculty and staff, beginning at noon on the main floor of the Administration Building and in the main lounge of University Place. Cake will be available until the last piece is taken. Potomac State was created on Feb. 15, 1901 as The Keyser Preparatory Branch of West Virginia University by an act of the legislature.

## Professor Phil Douthitt is serving as Interim Dean

By Amber Ravenscroft  
Editor

Students arranging to meet with Professor Phil Douthitt will have to head to a different office, and greet him with a different title this semester. After 23 years of teaching computer and business courses at Potomac State College, Douthitt was named Interim Dean for the spring semester.

The position is a temporary placement until June 30, but Douthitt plans to make the most out of his time in this leading academic role.

"I'm very excited to have the opportunity to serve students in a different way. I'm in a better position now to truly influence each student's success."

And he has certainly been busy. Douthitt has already begun two initiatives, which focus on aiding students in their first semester.

The first is a revision of the WVUe course, which all incoming freshmen are required to take.

He also started a committee that is focusing on improving the developmental classes offered on campus, such as MATH 90 or ENGL 90. These classes are pass/fail and must be



Phil Douthitt has moved to the Dean's Office for spring semester. The college is accepting applicants for Associate Campus Provost/Dean of Academic Affairs.

Photo by Amber Ravenscroft

passed before a student can move on to the college credit courses in these disciplines.

He hopes to improve academic intervention between semesters to lower the percentage of students dropping out after the fall semester. His primary focus is on student success here at Potomac State.

"I've received a lot of support from the faculty. I've been teaching here for a while, so they're all familiar with me and we work well together."

Dr. Gerald Wilcox, long-time professor of biology here at PSC, said, "He's an

outstanding professor, and very well respected here."

Douthitt earned a MBA and bachelor's degree in business from West Virginia University and an associate degree in business here at Potomac State. He taught computer applications, and says "interacting with students" is one of the things he misses most after the change.

While in his teaching position, Douthitt spent most of his spare time out of class grading assignments. Now that the majority of his administrative work is handled during the day, he has time to read and browse the Internet when he isn't running to sporting events with his youngest daughter, Makenna, 11.

His oldest daughter, Lauren, 23, will graduate from WVU in May with a degree in occupational therapy. He also has a daughter here at PSC, Taylor, 19, who will be moving to Morgantown next fall to pursue a speech pathology degree.

When asked how he was dealing with having a secretary, he chuckled. "I've actually got two. I'm so used to doing everything on my own. They're a great help."



## Dr. Hawkins-composed musical set for March

By Jonathan Morse  
Campus News Editor

After almost a decade, PSC's own John "Doc" Hawkins is staging the epic civil war story of reconciliation and healing, "McNeill's Rangers." This March, McNeill's band of daring rebels will once again be menacing the Yanks from Cumberland, at the Church-McKee Arts Center on the PSC campus.

The cast is composed of players who appeared in the original production almost twenty years ago, along with members of the community, PSC students, and a couple of entire families who have gotten their children involved.

Almost two decades ago, Doc teamed up with Vana Nespor to bring the story of a small group of rebel soldiers to life. Nespor wrote the screenplay and Doc composed the music. When it opened in 1984 it was performed outdoors in the very countryside where McNeill and his rangers lived and worked. This March the production is being performed indoors for the first time, only a few hundred yards from where the real Yank and Reb reunion took place. The musical drama will jerk a tear or two as the story and the songs relate the real life events surrounding one of the most daring raids of the Civil War.

Doc is excited by the change of venue. "It has a number of advantages," and when asked what those were, he answered smiling, "NO BUGS!" He went on to mention the 30-minute live bluegrass concert performed prior to the show each night, "for no extra charge! It's included in the cost of the ticket," as another indoor advantage, stating that it just wouldn't have been possible "out in the weather." Doc is, in fact, excited about every aspect of what he considers a "celebration of our area's history", and with this being the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of West Virginia, he considers the timing of the production to be "perfect."

The production runs

Thursday-Saturday March 14-16 and 21-23 at 7:30 p.m. with afternoon performances at 2:30 p.m. on Sundays, March 17 and 24. Advance tickets can be purchased at Linda's Hallmark, Grant County Bank, First United Bank Chessie Credit Union and BB&T bank here in Keyser \$12 and \$10 for students or at the door for \$14 and \$12 for students with special reserved tickets for \$16. For addition information about dates or tickets call 304-788-6855.

And if all this fun sounds like something you'd love



to be part of, then be sure to sign up for Doc's Theater 400 class in the fall semester and become part

of the production of "Les Misérables", which he just announced as his 2013-2014 project.

## Catamount Place offers 24-hour quiet

By Kendra Ann Keplinger  
Staff Writer

Potomac State's newest residence hall, Catamount Place, is now open to both male and female students starting this semester. With 32 dorm rooms including singles, doubles, and quads, this twenty-four-quiet-hour dorm is quite a place to stay.

The second floor has been at full capacity with the male students. However, the third floor, completed in January, is at thirty percent capacity for the girls and is expected to rise.

Both the students and the Residence Hall Coordinator, Shawn White, say everyone is like family. White says, "There is a sense of family that they can lean on when needed."

Students seem very pleased with the environment at Catamount Place. Freshman Aren Morris



Catamount Place lights up

Photo by Kendra Keplinger

says, "It's very quiet. I can actually get my work done."

Even though Catamount Place once stood as Potomac Valley Hospital, there are few reported signs of activity from former patients, say some current residents. Maybe they too are respecting the twenty-four hour quiet rule, although occasionally on the third floor, footsteps can be

heard pacing through the hallway with a slight knock on the doors.

However, hospital history and ghoulish roommates are not the biggest challenges at Catamount Place. Poor lighting around the building at night and crossing a busy Keyser roadway to get to and from class are the real challenges, residents say.

## Cards for Hope sent to St. Jude Children's Hospital

By Hailey Truman, Editor

*There are times when we wish that we could do something about all the sick kids in the world, to help find a cure or simply make their days better. So what did resident assistant Jordan Twigg do? He took matters into his own hands and put on a residence life program called Cards of Hope. The program gave PSC students the chance to make cards for sick children at St. Jude Children Research Hospital. "I hope that it will brighten the children's day, and let them know that there are people outside of their family and friends who care," he said. If you would like to send a card, you can mail it to St. Jude Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Pictured right: Twigg and Daniel Everhart*



## Relay for Life will be April 11

By Elisha Wagoner  
Campus News Editor

"Getting Relay running is all about participation," says Taylor Phillips, president of Catamounts against Cancer when asked how the student-based club works to get Relay for Life up and running.

Phillips says that working together as a team helps accomplish their goals, goals such as raising money for the club.

So far they've sold 30 Valentine's Day cards for their cause as of Feb. 6 (it will also be continued into this week). Other fundraisers are "I survived Potomac State" T-shirts and Tastefully Simple fundraisers.

Seeing as how last year \$7,000 was raised for the cause and \$40,000 has been raised over the past couple of years, the goal seems close enough to touch.

So far eight teams are scheduled to participate in the all-night Relay for Life, April 11. This year's theme is "Mission Possible."

Catamounts Against Cancer is working together as a team to accomplish one common goal: finding a cure in the fight against cancer.

If you want to be part of the club, all you have to do is attend the upcoming meeting on Feb. 20 or any of the meetings, which are held every other Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in University Place.

# Black History Month

This day in history:  
Feb. 13, 1920



*The first African American baseball league, the Negro National League, was organized by Andrew "Rube" Foster. Foster, owner and manager of the Chicago American Giants, established the organization in Kansas City. The league originally included teams based in Midwestern cities, but expanded to include Southern franchises in Birmingham and Memphis in 1924.*

*There were 24 teams total. The league had its own World Series, the Colored World Series, which took place four times from 1924 to 1927.*

*The NNL fell apart in 1931 due to the Great Depression. In 1937, the Negro American League was organized and included many teams from the original league. By Amber Ravenscroft, Editor*

## King program sponsored by Social Justice

By Hailey Truman, Editor

*About a hundred faculty, staff and students gathered in the Davis Conference Center to start off Black History Month. The Social Justice Council here at Potomac State sponsored the program, "Martin Luther King Jr.: His Dream, His Legacy," at Potomac State. All those who attended got to watch videos of Dr. King's speeches and heard several poems being read by freshman Ryan Dickerson. "When my English teacher asked someone in the class to read the poems at the event, I gladly volunteered." At the end of the event before the students were given the chance to enjoy the free desert table and socialize, they participated in a short activity. Students wrote their own dreams for the future down on clouds. They were then hung on a poster in the Loft.*



## Campus spared flu outbreak this semester

By Anjie Courrier  
Campus News Editor

"PSC has been spared the worst of the flu outbreak," says College Nurse Cherise Southerly. Flu shots are still recommended for everyone, even though cases of the flu are declining.

The best way to prevent the flu, Southerly says, is hand washing. If soap and water are not available, hand sanitizer works.

The Centers for Disease Control lists these flu symptoms: cough and/or a sore throat and fever. To stop the spread of the flu, stay home when you have these symptoms. If on-campus students and commuters have cold or flu symptoms, they may see

the nurse for "goody bags" containing cough medicine, tissues, hand sanitizer and information to help relieve some of these symptoms.

Pulling all nighters? Stay away from highly caffeinated drinks such as Redbulls, Monsters, or No Dose. They are more harmful than good, says Southerly. They can cause your memory response to fade, and may suppress the immune system.

Southerly suggests eating a well-balanced meal and be sure to get enough sleep. Multi-vitamins may be helpful with energy and overall health.

Also, please be aware that the Health Center is currently under-staffed.

The college has advertised the position, so please be patient with the nurse. She is trying to do the best she can.

Tomorrow is Valentine's Day. The Health Center offers contraceptives. Condoms are free of charge. Also offered is "Plan B." This is only given with education from the nurse. If contraception is needed, please stop by the Health Center.

Southerly also coordinates health programs for employees. February is Healthy Heart Month. She will be distributing health information to employees.

Southerly is encouraging employees with PEIA insurance to sign up for the health screening, April 30.



## It's FAFSA time

**Important Financial Aid Reminder:** In order to receive financial aid, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) every year. You can go online to [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) to complete the 2013-2014 application. The FAFSA must be received by March 1 for priority consideration for certain types of financial aid. Have questions? Contact the Enrollment Services Office on our campus.

## CLUB NEWS

**Culinary Club:** The culinary club will prepare the annual Mineral County Day Legislator luncheon in Charleston today and tomorrow.

**DECA:** The club will be handing out treat bags today for "Valentine's Day with DECA" from 11:30-12:30 in the Student Union. Tomorrow, Ms. Jayne Gilbert and DECA member Sarah Theimer will be traveling to Charlotte, N.C. for the Queen City Business Competition at Johnson and Wales University.

**Queers & Allies:** The club collected used jeans for "Teens for Jeans" to donate to homeless teens. They are also organizing a Relay for Life team for this spring's event.

**Black Student Alliance:** The club held a dance last month for all students in the Davis Conference Center.

**PSC Book Lover's Club:** The club recently held meetings to discuss January's book, "Catching Fire." Meetings are held in the library, and are open to all readers. Refreshments are free.



# PSC welcomes visiting instructors for the school year

## Psychology: Mark Daniels enjoys mountain biking, rock climbing, hiking, and family life in a rural area

By Linsay K. Baker  
Feature Editor

Dr. J. Mark Daniels is a visiting instructor in the psychology department and has applied for the full-time position here at PSC. Daniels and his family moved from Seattle to live near Deep Creek Lake because his wife, Debbie, took a position at Frostburg State University in dorm management.

His doctorate in experimental psychology, from the University of Tennessee, qualified him for a college teaching position. So here he is, loving the job and loving that he gets to raise his two toddlers, Elias, 3, and Sebastian, 1, in an area where nature is prevalent and crime is infrequent.

When Daniels refers to PSC he says, "Oh it's nice. The small campus is really focused on teaching and student's individual attention. Unlike grad school where I was teaching lots of students in a class, I really get to know a lot more of my students." He is currently teaching Introduction to Psychology, Introduction to Human Development, and Introduction to Social Psychology.

Daniels is settled and happy about the cross-country transition. He grew up in Newport, Tenn., where the nearest neighbor was miles away and the area had lots of outdoor activities. Daniels likes mountain biking, hiking, and rock climbing, which he also did while he and his family lived in Seattle.

"It is a lot colder and snowier here though," he says, which sometimes makes his 35-minute commute from home to campus difficult.

Indoors, Daniels is an experienced dancer. In Tennessee, he was a professional ballroom instructor. "I started teaching it because I love to dance. I taught off and on while I



was in the military. Right before grad school that was my only job for a few months." He will be faculty adviser of the campus dance club soon.

Potomac State hired four faculty members for this academic year as visiting instructors. These valued members of the faculty are teaching during the time that the college is conducting a national search to fill tenure-track positions in psychology, criminal justice, math and computer information systems. Please turn to Page 8 for more profiles.



## Computer Information Systems: Jill Schaumloeffel raises native apples and heritage breed chickens on a five-acre farm in Egdon

By Linsay K. Baker  
Feature Editor

Jill Schaumloeffel is currently a visiting instructor at PSC. She says, "I have applied for the full-time position that is being advertised, and I am keeping my fingers crossed!"

Schaumloeffel has many reasons why she would like to stay on permanently, but for the most part it is simply because she likes to teach. Her optimism leads her to say, "Hopefully I will be back next fall."

"I've really, really enjoyed working here because it's small, which gives me the opportunity to know my students well, and it is also a very friendly place," she says.

Schaumloeffel, which is a German name that means "foam spoon" used

for cooking, lives in Egdon, W.Va. She was born and raised on a farm in northwest Ohio so she is used to the surrounding rural community.

She and her husband, Art, own five acres of land that they use for their outdoor hobbies. They currently raise heritage-breed chickens called "American Buckeyes," and they plan to start raising heritage-breed turkeys this summer.



They practice intensive gardening that produces fresh vegetables and tend to a small orchard they have planted with native apple trees. When she isn't busy outdoors, she enjoys quilting and crocheting which has been taught for five generations in her family.

Schaumloeffel has a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Michigan State University and a

master's degree in information technology from Kaplan University with a concentration in information and security assurance. She was teaching at Garrett College in 2009 when she decided to go back for her master's degree.

Currently she teaches five courses in the computer information systems curriculum. She has ideas for new courses in the CIS department and she wants to put together student teams to compete in networking and security contests.

After she retires, she doesn't want to stop teaching. She plans to pursue her doctorate degree so that she can instruct online courses in her field. "I will still really like to teach, even after I retire," she says.

## Lady Cats home tonight at 5

# Men complete home season

Western Pennsylvania Collegiate Conference tournament is Feb. 23-24



By Ryan Minnigh  
Staff Writer

The Potomac State men's basketball team is off to a hot start in the new year. The Catamounts have

posted a 7-3 record since resuming play in 2013, victorious in three of their last four games.

Most recently the Catamounts traveled to Penn-

sylvania and defeated Butler, 80-59. Teko Ag'Bo was the high scorer for the Catamounts, putting up 17 points in their win.

The Catamounts are led this season by Reggie Baker, who has scored 20+ points in three of the last five games and Carlton Drake who has posted double digit point totals in four of the last five games.

The Catamounts are 12-7 this season, and they are 5-1 in conference play. Results from the Monday home game against CCAC were not available at press time. The Catamounts' next game is Saturday, Feb. 16, in Pittsburgh against CCAC Allegany.

The Cats have no more home games posted on their schedule. The WPCC conference begins Feb. 23-24, with a play-in game on Feb. 22. Conference Region XX Championships are on Mar. 1-3 in Hagerstown.



## Lady Cats play tonight

By Zachary Miley  
Staff Writer

The PSC Lady Cats basketball team is hitting its stride as the season ends. Riding a three-game winning streak and coming off their best performance of the season, the Lady

Cats are gaining momentum that they hope to take into tonight's final game, at home at 5 p.m., against CCAC Boyce and into the conference playoffs, this weekend.

The Lady Cats are coming off what Head Coach Jim Walton believes was their best performance of the season, against Butler County CC. The Cats defeated Butler 93-33. "It was our best performance of the season all across the board, from all ten players."

The Lady Cats have a record of 6-14 and are already locked into the WPCC playoffs. Walton says, "Each remaining game is very important to us and I intend to win out." If the team holds true to Coach Walton's intentions, the Lady Cats would enter the playoffs as the number two seed and get to host one game at home.

The Lady Cats defeated tonight's opponent 63-59 on the road earlier this season. "Boyce is a good team but we have more depth," says Walton. The Lady Cats intend to use that depth and receive an even better outcome than the last game against Boyce.

Led by the only returning sophomore and team captain Alexis Steele and the sharp-shooting of leading scorer Jenna McAtee, the Lady Cats will attempt to put an exclamation point on the regular season and steamroll into the playoffs.

# Baseball heads south at end of month

By Travis Keating  
Sports Writer

Finishing last year with a rare (25-25) record, the 2012 baseball season is one that Head Coach Doug Little and returning players want to put behind them.

With new players, better attitudes, and better team chemistry, the 2013 baseball team is doing everything it can to bring back its winning tradition.

"This year our guys seem to be on a mission, and I think that fuels off of last year's season that we had. The guys seem pretty motivated, and they all want to do well," Little said.

Coming off of his worst season as head coach, changes were made in hopes for a better season. With only nine returning players, the 2013 team is very different compared to last year.

"We have a lot of new players this year which I think has made it good because we struggled last year. So this year's team is completely different from last year's team in pretty much all aspects," he said.

After playing and practicing together for the past five months, many returning players have seen differences and improvement since last season.

Sophomore second baseman David Kimbrough said that one of the team's biggest improvements has been team chemistry.

"This year everybody has pretty much gotten along and stayed focused. For example, when we played in the fall everybody was focused on one goal, trying to win, and everybody was picking up their teammates when they made a mistake. We didn't have that last year," said Kimbrough.



David Kimbrough

Sophomore first baseman Zach Stolipher said he has noticed that this year's team is more focused on getting better.

"Last year we had guys that didn't want to be here. They didn't want to work hard. This year the attitude is different, the work ethic is different, it's just a whole lot better. It's a great atmosphere to be around," said Stolipher.



Zach Stolipher

Sophomore pitcher Tanner Everton who lead last year's pitching staff in wins (5-1) said he believes that the team has picked up its intensity.

"From last year to this year I think we've really stepped up the intensity.

And I think that's going to be our driving point to success," said Everton.



Tanner Everton

With inclement weather and opening day a few weeks away, the team has been forced to pick up the intensity inside Lough Gymnasium where players have indoor batting cages, portable mounds, and imaginary baselines.

"I think right now our biggest obstacle is just getting repetitions outside in the actual environment that we'll be playing games in. Hopefully we'll get a few more opportunities in the next few weeks before we play, but if not, we'll make pretty good use of our gym here," said Little.

The Cats travel to Florence, South Carolina to

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# Our Opinions

## An Editor's response to: Progress, change, hope

In December, *Pasquino* printed an editorial titled, "Progress, Change, Hope," in which the author delivered a scathing tirade against what he called "racist, homophobic, gun loving bigots." This writer was wrong; the "bigots" he refers to in his editorial are actually traditional Americans.

Racism may have been mainstream in the 1950s. Nowadays, racism in any shape or form isn't cool, and most people in America aren't racist. Americans reelected an African-American as president, didn't they. Obama won the popular vote and the electoral college. That's not racism.

Are Americans homophobic? No. Homophobia delineates a fear of people who are homosexual. This couldn't be farther from the truth. The byword throughout this great land is to love the individual, not necessarily what he does. America was built on Judeo-Christian principals, which I believe state that homosexuality is wrong. Many Americans share this value. It's a value, not a phobia.

Traditional Americans do like their guns, and they have valid reasons for their love affair with the gun, namely, protection and sport. Gun sports are quite benign: hunting and target shooting. The targets aren't people, contrary to the author's belief.

The author of last semester's editorial collectively calls Americans despicable and uncaring. He must keep in mind that it is traditional America that puts food on the table and provides money so that he can attend an institute of higher learning like Potomac State, where he can express opinions freely and openly. Traditional Americans share the same blessings and rights as he does.

Paul Burford

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## Make every book \$ count

I don't smoke premium-brand cigarettes, and I don't eat name-brand peanut butter. I'm a student father of three young children, and I have to do my best to make every dollar count. There are tools available to make my job easier: I read the weekly specials printed in the paper, I turn the radio up when a store ad comes on, and I use the Internet.

That's right; we moms and dads don't sit around talking about what band we are going to see this weekend or who is throwing the biggest party. We talk about the best pediatricians, and who has the best sale on milk this week. Do you have any idea what it costs to keep three young children in orange juice these days? Well, suffice it to say, we don't drink the name-brand OJ either. The cheaper store brand is good enough for us.

In fact, when looking for a deal, shopping "in house" as the stores call it, will get you basically the same product for a much lower price. I find this to be true of most products – until we start talking about college textbooks.

Shopping "in house" for books at the local college bookstore can cost a student as much as three times what it might for the same books from an online retail company. You may not be aware of this as there really are no weekly ads for books and very little in the way of commercials, but this is where the Internet is your friend.

Now I know how convenient it must be to just pop in at the campus bookstore and spend 20 minutes getting all the books and supplies you'll need for the upcoming semester, but you just dropped \$200 on a book you'll likely open only six or eight times. On the walk back to your dorm it might cross your mind that \$934 was a lot of money to spend on books, but after all, it wasn't REAL money, was it?

In my house \$934 is very real money, and if I can get those same books for \$362 online, I'm gonna. Is it more time and trouble to shop online and order them and wait for them? Sure it is, but we are talking about saving like \$600! Do you have any idea how much peanut butter that is? **Jonathan Morse**



## Oscar just doesn't get it

On Sunday, Feb. 24, Family Guy creator Seth MacFarlane will host the 85th Academy Awards, giving out the celebrated "Oscar" to those voted best in film. More often than not, Academy voters reward movies that are the most sentimental and emotionally manipulative, or are historical epics, instead of what is genuinely the best in film.

This year for instance, *Les Miserables*, starring Hugh Jackman, will likely lose both Best Picture and Best Actor to *Lincoln*, which is a genuinely awesome movie. However, since *Django Unchained* reminded everyone about how horrible slavery was, the nice comforting movie about how Lincoln freed the slaves is there to assure the Academy they can continue to ignore the past. Also, I just want to point out that the only person nominated for an Award in acting in *Django Unchained* is the sympathetic white character. Stay classy, Oscar.

*Silver Linings Playbook*, an insulting piece of manipulative tripe that tells you that a very serious mental disorder can be cured with a hot chick and learning how to dance, will steal some other awards that should go to the embarrassingly awesome *Argo* and *The Hobbit* and the complete lack of any nomination for *Rise of the Guardians* is nothing short of criminal.

Academy voters are too predictable: put your money on *Lincoln*, *Silver Linings Playbook*, *Les Mis*, and *Argo*. Seth MacFarlane is hosting, so it looks to be funny. Enjoy the show! **Nick Adams**

## Students react differently to Valentine's Day

By Hailey Truman  
Editor

We all know what Valentine's Day is; the one day out of the year that we show our love for one another in extravagant ways. We take our significant others out for fancy dinners and buy gifts.

"I feel Valentine's Day is a romantic day. It's a day where you share your feelings for one another. I would love to receive things like chocolates or a Teddy bear but mostly to be told how loved I am," said freshman Taryn Gibbs. But does that mean that we all like it? There are a lot of people around the world who celebrate their love for one another during Valentine's Day. The only day when chocolate and card companies probably make the most money. Junior Clay Nedrich said of Valentine's Day this year with his girlfriend, "I will probably buy my girlfriend chocolates and flowers."

Even people like student Jonathan Morse, who isn't entirely certain how long he has been married, make sure he celebrates.

"It reminds me that I'm supposed to be romantic from time to time. With all of the Girl Scout dues and the mortgage and all that stuff, you sort of need an excuse to spend money on things that aren't a necessity."

Although a lot of people celebrate, there are still people out there who don't like Valentine's Day. Freshman Charlene Smith doesn't really care for it. "I'm not big on Valentine's Day. If a guy really cares about me it should be a year-round thing not just

one day."

Students who have been married for a while spend it a little differently than those who are just dating. "Last year at work we were very busy and my husband brought me dinner. I snuck away for about fifteen minutes and we had dinner together," RBA student Cheri Alt said while smiling as she thought about her last Valentine's Day.

So how do you spend Valentine's Day or do you even celebrate it at all?



Photo by Jonathan Morse

## Gun control debated

By Paul Burford  
Campus News Editor

A small group of students in the Student Union last week responded to a *Pasquino* question on the subject of gun control. The question asked was: "The nation is debating gun laws. What are your thoughts?" A majority of those students don't favor adding restrictions on gun ownership to those already in effect.

One person, Casey Kidder, a freshman, alluded to the Second Amendment "My thought about gun control is that people in the United States have a right to own a gun."

Edward Welsh, another freshman, weighed in by talking about free people. "I believe guns should not be illegal for free people."

Six other students wanted to comment without giving their name. These comments ranged from absolute and adamant opposition to any type of gun control, to the support of measures like universal background checks to purchase a gun.

One respondent who

voiced an opinion in favor of gun control was Bria Holmes, who is also a freshman. She stated her view rather succinctly. "Everyone shouldn't have guns," Holmes said.

Holmes was one of only two people to express an opinion in favor of gun control. The other respondent, who asked not to be quoted, cited public safety as a reason for supporting gun control.

One female respondent expressed a desire to get to what she called "the real issue," which she thinks is public safety. She also strongly affirmed her opposition to guns that are only designed for killing people.

A senior, Lindsay K. Baker, mused, "Maybe if there are more restrictions put into place then fewer people will turn to fire power for their self-defense." Baker said that gun restrictions should include a worldwide response. "I feel that with gun restrictions there should also be a worldwide acknowledgment that mental health is very serious and should not be overlooked."

## Baseball goes south Continued from Page 4

open their first two weeks of the season, Feb. 23-24 and March 1-3, playing in the Pepsi Invitational. The elevated temperatures won't be the only heat the Catamounts face while playing in Florence: four of the eight teams in the tournament are ranked in the top fifty.

"I think it's going to be a great measuring stick for our guys 'cause those teams are as good as anybody on our schedule for the rest of the way, and I think it will help make us better for the long run," said Little.

Little said that this year's schedule is probably the toughest schedule beginning to end in his sixteen years here as head coach. "I kind of put us up against it, so we'll have to play well in every game to have a chance to be in games, and I think our guys know that. I think they welcome that opportunity and challenge," he said.

"I think we're well rounded; we have thirteen guys on the mound that can pitch and keep us in games. I like our team offensively and defensively. We have team speed. I think with all those factors, compared to our 2011 team, we probably have a more well-rounded team in all aspects," he said.

## Does the cost of books equal an arm and a leg?

By Kelly Mills  
Campus News Editor

Every semester, we pay tuition, the cost of classes and labs, library fees, and any other fee necessary. One thing we all pay for, that winds up costing almost as much as the tuition and fees together, are books.

Books are a necessity to most classes, so we as students are required to buy them. Some people buy them from the Potomac State Bookstore, some buy them online, and some people even buy them off their roommates.

Some people prefer getting their books at the bookstore. "Getting my books at the bookstore is more convenient for me. I know that with getting my books from the bookstore, I will get the correct book," Logan Darnell said.

A few teachers discourage their students from getting their books from the college bookstore.

Others prefer to get their books online. Jonathan Morse and his wife, both students here, get their books from Chegg.com.

Compared to the bookstore, they save a third of the cost when renting, and the shipping is free.

At the end of the semester, they mail the rented books back in, and if they choose to keep the book, they send in the extra money for the book(s).

If there is software that comes with a book that is rented, the software is available on the website.

Not only do they have books, they also have study guides, tutoring, and practice sheets. The website also tells you what changes have been made between the editions.

Last semester Jonathan rented an older edition of a book, because the differences were the last two chapters, and additional illustrations.

One RBA student buys her books through Amazon. She normally saves half of what she would spend from the bookstore. Some of her books she buys to go directly to her Kindle, the others she buys the actual textbook, whichever is cheapest.

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PSC Alcohol and Drug Prevention Program

# PSC welcomes visiting instructors for the school year

## Criminal Justice: Nick Goff enjoyed helping three students successfully apply for law internships

By Cheri Alt

Campus News Editor

Nicklaus Goff currently holds the title of visiting instructor in criminal justice but hopes to establish a more permanent position. Goff said that this is a wonderful place to work. "Every one of the faculty has been so kind and helpful," he smiled. "They have been so generous with their guidance and advice."

Goff started at Potomac State College last spring teaching an adjunct class. He was working at the time in Mineral County as Judge Phil Jordan's law clerk. Working with Judge Jordan brought Goff the ability to make friends and connections in the community. He was excited to be teaching, so naturally when they asked him to step in last semester he jumped at the chance. Goff looks at this as an opportunity to settle down in a profession that he enjoys.

Goff was raised in Bridgeport, W.Va., with his brother. His parents are still living there. He left Bridgeport to earn a bachelor's degree in social studies and a bachelors of science in sociology from Fairmont State University. He then spent five years in the U.S. Air Force.

He attended WVU law school where he graduated with honors and received his Doctor of Jurisprudence.

Goff said that he feels lucky to have freedom in his current curriculum. He says he hopes to encourage students to apply what they learn and think outside the text. Goff is still trying to strike a balance with the demands that accompany teaching. "It's overwhelming. I advise students in their careers and my hope is that I am preparing them well."

Goff explains his teaching style as eclectic. "I give everything I can to these students. I change up the



pace and learning style often. I incorporate what is around me. My connections in the law community allow me to give students hands-on experience. I try and make it personal for them, building on aspects of their lives. I try and pull in current events as long as they enhance their learning."

Over the last break Goff said he helped three students prepare applications for WVU's College of Law summer law internship. To his delight all three students were accepted. He said he was so ecstatic and joyful for "his" kids.

"It makes you feel like

a proud papa," Goff said, beaming. "Watching these kids grow, learn and succeed. I think that's the best part of the job."

Goff says that this semester is allowing him some time to enjoy his new hobby, target archery. Last semester he was teaching an overload. He also feels lucky to have a woman in his life who understands his hectic schedule. He said that she has a wonderful family from the area that has embraced him. These are some more reasons why Goff can see himself becoming a permanent fixture here at PSC.



## Math: Jennifer Delaney likes the mix of older and younger students

By Dylan Kaplan  
Staff Writer

Among the many of new faculty faces here at Potomac State is Mrs. Jennifer Delaney. She is the visiting math instructor for this school year.

Delaney, who joins the Catamount family after teaching at Frostburg State University last year, comes to the college math classroom with lots of experience in her pocket. She has taught at every level of school, from elementary to the college level.

Delaney earned a master's degree in curriculum and instruction and a bachelor's degree in mathematics, both from Frostburg State University.

She's a visiting instructor this year, but Delaney has applied to fill the tenure-track math position.

"I love the students here," she said, noting that there is an interesting mix in her math classes of young students and older students from the four-year degree programs.

"I always figured I'd be a teacher. Playing school as a kid, I was always he teacher, never the student," she said.

"I like working with students who are a little anxious about the subject, especially if they walk away feeling more confident and comfortable." Another reason Delaney would love to remain at Potomac State is that she lives in Frostburg with her husband and three kids. "It's nice that it's close to home," she said.

Delaney has decorated her office, located in the hallway that connects Academy Hall and the Administration Building, with artwork from her young children.

Delaney loves the movie "The Sound of Music," so much so, that she and her husband got married in Salzburg, Germany, where the movie took place.

Delaney is currently training to run a 5K race during Spring Recess. "We'll see how that goes."

